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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT ACTIONS AGAINST ITS OPPONENTS

1. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS
OF POLICE PICK UPS OF GOVERNMENT OPPONENTS.

2. VISITING NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT HAS
TOLD US THAT WHEN HE VISITED OFFICE OF NDP
ASSEMBLYMAN KIM YONG-SAM YESTERDAY (JANUARY 11)
KIM'S SECRETARY INFORMED HIS THAT KIM HAD BEEN
TAKEN BY ROK-CIA. NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT
HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER KIM HAD BEEN
LATER RELEASED. ALSO SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS
AT NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES HEADQUARTERS
POLICE ENTERED ADJOINING OFFICE OF CHRISTIAN
STUDENT FEDERATION AND TOOK AWAY THREE STUDENTS.

3. KOREAN PRESS SOURCES REPORT THAT HANKUK ILBO,
CHOSUN ILBO AND CHUNGANG ILBO POLITICAL
CARTOONISTS WERE TAKEN IN BY POLICE AND
LATER RELEASED. THERE ARE CONTINUING RUMORS THAT
MANY OF THE 30 LEADERS INVOLVED IN SIGNATURE
CAMPAIGN HAVE ALSO BEEN PICKED UP. ONE KOREAN
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SOURCE INDICATES THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE RELIGIOUS

FIGURE HAM SOK HON AND ONE OTHER WERE PICKED UP. HOWEVER HE HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THEY WERE LATER RELEASED.

4. COMMENT: PRESS HAS NOT REPORTED ANY OF ABOVE AND IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MANY HAVE IN FACT BEEN PICKED UP OR WHETHER ANYONE OTHER THAN DUP SPOKESMAN (PICKED UP JANUARY 9) IS BEING HELD. IN SOME CASES AT LEAST IT APPEARS THAT PRACTICE IS TO BRING PERSONS IN FOR INTERROGATION WARNING AND THEN RELEASE. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION SO FAR OF FORMAL ARRESTS OR CHARGES UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES.
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